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TO : Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Assistant Director for R. & E.

SUBJECT: Intelligence Memorandum No. 98

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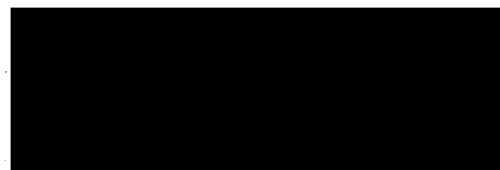
1. It is suggested that consideration be given to distribution of the attached Intelligence Memorandum No. 98 to the following addressees:

Department of State
Department of the Army
Department of the Air Force
Department of the Navy

2. The Department of State may wish to disseminate this information to the United Nations. It may also decide that the information should be made available to the security police of friendly Western European countries. The Army, Navy and Air Force may desire to distribute the information to their attaches in the areas concerned. ORE will pass this information to SO in order that the further movements and activities of the subject individuals can be observed.

3. It would appear that the handling of this intelligence material has been subject to unnecessary delays and carelessness. The passenger lists were forwarded by the US Air Attache in Athens on 23 October 1948 in response to cabled instructions from the US Air Force which probably reached him by 11 October. It may well have required the intervening time to gain access to the information. It is difficult to understand, however, why the information sent from Athens on 23 October did not reach ORE until 3 December. On 23 October the Air Attache, not being in possession of the Palestine list of 38 names, was unaware of the reason why the lists had been requested. Embassy Athens, however, received on direct distribution the 4 November report of American Consulate General, Jerusalem, which contained the 38 names, and should have recognized the connection with the Department of State and Air Force collection requests. It should have been apparent that the Embassy had forwarded to the Air Force 12 names which appeared on the Jerusalem list. The Air Attache would have had no reason to suppose that the lists he forwarded to the US Air Force would be transmitted to the Department of State. It appears that no direct reply whatever has been made from Embassy Athens to the Department of State. Even if Embassy Athens failed to compare the two lists, it should at least have advised the Department of State that the Department's collection request had been partly satisfied by the Air Attache's communication to the Air Force.

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